

## HB 1732 -- Public School Calendar

Sponsor: Cookson

This bill changes the laws regarding the school calendar of a public school by:

(1) Increasing, from 1,044 to 1,050, the required number of actual pupil attendance hours in a four-day school week or other calendar consisting of less than 174 days and repealing the provisions that condition the continuance of a four-day school week on the school's annual performance report results;

(2) Removing the minimum term of 174 days for a school with a five-day week but retaining the minimum as 142 days and increasing the required number of hours from 1,044 to 1,050 for all schools. The earliest opening date is changed from 10 days prior to the first Monday in September to the first Tuesday after Labor Day. The bill allows a district to set its closing date each year which must be no later than the Friday before Memorial Day. The penalty for a violation of the provisions regarding the opening and closing date is increased from withholding an amount equal to one-quarter of the district's state funding for each day the district is in violation to one-half;

(3) Increasing, from seven hours to seven and one-half hours, the maximum length of the school day for a five-day school week; and

(4) Specifying that the testing window for the state assessments cannot begin earlier than April 15.

The bill becomes effective beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.